

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Division of Epidemiology, Environmental, and Occupational Health
Infectious and Zoonotic Diseases Program

NEW JERSEY ANIMAL RABIES CASES BY COUNTY AND SPECIES

January 1 - March 31, 2015

COUNTY	Raccoon		Skunk		Fox		Cat		Groundhog		Bovine		Equine		Dog***		Ferret		Other Domestic*		Deer		Other Wild**		Total Terrestrial		Bats
Atlantic		230		25		15		14		2		1														287	
Bergen	2	283		106				39		19								1		1				1		439	
Burlington	3	488		82		20		39		13				1										1		644	
Camden	4	146		17		1		19		1																184	
Cape May	2	122		23		2		2																1		150	
Cumberland	2	194		51		2		11																		258	
Essex	1	141		24			1	15		7					1				2		1		1			192	
Gloucester	1	165	1	66		9		20		2				1										2		265	
Hudson		13		5				5																		23	
Hunterdon	2	381		42		6		31		11		2				1		1		1		4		1		481	
Mercer	1	344	1	22		12		16		5								1								400	
Middlesex		188		74		6		22		11																301	
Monmouth	6	458		54		16		35		11		1		4												579	
Morris	8	466	1	99		16		25		15		1				1				3		1		3		630	
Ocean	4	367		91		15		33		12						1										519	
Passaic		208		56		6		21		12				2								1		1		307	
Salem	4	76	1	15		2		6		1				1		1										102	
Somerset	2	344		54		14		20		9				2						3				2		448	
Sussex	1	255		106		17	1	20		21		4				2								1		426	
Union		102		27		1		10		1																141	
Warren		261		66		12		27		12		5		1						1		2		3		390	
Unknown		1																								1	
TOTAL	43	5233	4	1105	0	172	2	430	0	165	0	14	0	12	0	7	0	3	0	11	0	9	0	17	49	7178	0

NUMBERS IN WHITE COLUMNS REPRESENT YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS (January 1 through December 31, 2014)

NUMBERS IN SHADED COLUMNS REPRESENT EPIZOOTIC TOTALS (January 1989 through December 2014)

*Other Domestic includes 9 rabbits, 1 goat and 1 sheep

**Other Wild includes 5 otters, 4 opossums, 5 coyotes, 2 beavers, and 1 bear

***One dog diagnosed in Essex County during 2008 acquired rabies in Iraq and became ill shortly after importation into NJ

Summary of Rabies Specimens Tested and Positive Cases by Year, New Jersey				
Year	Specimen Tested	Terrestrial Cases	Bat Cases	Total Cases
2012	3172	241	68	309
2013	3207	249	66	315
2014	3680	270	78	348
2015	471	49	0	49

Cats have accounted for 90% of the domestic animal cases in New Jersey since 1989. For the last 5 years there has been an average of 16 cats infected with rabies annually.